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PCT GROUP

In re the Application of:)	Title: Pipe Handling
Laurence J. Ayling)	Apparatus
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International Application No.:)	Examiner: Unknown
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<u>FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u>)	<u>R.B. Sherer</u>
)	<u>30 June 2004</u>

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified International (PCT)
Application, which is filed herewith, as follows:

In order to reduce the filing fee, and also improve the form
of the claims and thereby expedite the prosecution, please cancel
Claims 1 - 17 and substitute new Claims 18 - 34.

LIST OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled)

Claims 18- 34 (New)